

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on February 5, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch  
Hannah Winn, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 265, 1/25/2019; HB 275, 1/25/2019

15:02:17 Chair B. Brown  
15:01:54 Rep. Fitzgerald joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 275**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:07 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 275, Revise hunting privileges for purple heart recipients.

**EXHIBIT(fih23a01)**

15:04:24 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:05:10 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA), Big Hearts Under the Big Sky Program

**EXHIBIT(fih23a02)**

15:10:08 Mike Garcia, Big Hearts Under the Big Sky Program  
15:15:02 Chair B. Brown  
15:15:22 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
15:15:52 Tim Sowa, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
15:17:29 Jessie Luther, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:19:21 Hank Warsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:19:42 Rep. Fuller  
15:20:41 Rep. Vinton  
15:20:50 Rep. Garner  
15:21:09 Jessie Luther, MOGA  
15:21:14 Rep. Fuller  
15:21:35 Jessie Luther, MOGA  
15:22:24 Rep. Fuller

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:22:52 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 265**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:48 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 265, Revise laws related to approval of FWP easements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:29:49 William Selph, Montana Secretary of State  
15:31:10 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use  
15:32:34 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:34:38 Adele Stenson, Self  
15:39:09 Skylar Stenson, Self  
15:41:46 Jessica Stenson, Self  
15:43:46 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts  
15:47:08 Ben Lambs, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), Montana Sporting Coalition

**EXHIBIT(fih23a03)**

15:50:20 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsmen Club (ASC)  
15:54:46 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT(fih23a04)**

15:56:23 Matt Leow, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)  
15:57:18 Whitney Tawney, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)  
15:59:06 Martha Williams, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fih23a05)**

16:04:03 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

**Informational Testimony:**

16:04:31 Bob Haseman, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih23a06)****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:10:25 Rep. Loge  
16:10:59 Rep. White  
16:11:03 Rep. Loge  
16:11:16 Rep. White  
16:15:16 Rep. Vinton  
16:15:42 Ben Lamb, MWF, MSC  
16:16:08 Rep. Berglee  
16:16:40 William Selph, Montana Secretary of State  
16:18:04 Rep. Fuller  
16:18:47 Rep. White  
16:19:18 Rep. Z. Brown left the meeting.  
16:21:55 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
16:22:19 Ben Lamb, MWF, MSC  
16:22:50 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
16:23:23 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
16:23:55 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
16:24:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
16:24:29 Chair B. Brown  
16:25:12 Director Williams, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:26:41 Rep. White  
  
16:32:12 Rep. B. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:32:57

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih23aad.pdf](#))